

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Wendy Tucker of Nashville to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, further provides that the Governor shall appoint nine members to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Wendy Tucker of Nashville to the State Board of Education to a term that will expire on March 31, 2019, as a member representing the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Wendy Tucker is the executive director of Project Renaissance, a nonprofit corporation focused on improving the education system in Nashville, and a former senior advisor on education to Mayor Karl Dean of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tulane University and Tulane Law School, Wendy Tucker practiced law in Nashville from 1992 to 2012, serving as an assistant public defender for seven years and in private practice for much of the remainder; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, she co-founded the Special Education Advocacy Center of Tennessee, where she represented families of students with disabilities in their efforts to obtain appropriate educational services; and

WHEREAS, sharing her vast knowledge of the law, Ms. Tucker has served as an adjunct professor of law for more than a decade at Vanderbilt University Law School, where she teaches Trial Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Tucker is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be confirmed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Wendy Tucker to the State Board of Education for a term that will expire on March 31, 2019.